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FACILITIES IN ETHIOPIA

1. SWAHILI-LANGUAGE DAILY UHURU, PUBLISHED BY TANZANIA'S
POLITICAL PARTY, COMMENTED IN APRIL 29 EDITION ON CLOSURE OF US
FACILITIES IN ETHIOPIA. ETHIOPIAN DECISION HAILED AS AN "HISTORICAL
MOVE IN THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION". US WAS CHARGED WITH RETALIATING
BY HALTING AID ALREADY PROMISED TO ETHIOPIA.

2. TEXT OF EDITORIA AS TRANSLATED BY EMBASSY FOLLOWS:
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BEGIN TEXT: LAST WEEK THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF
ETHIOPIA RESOLVED TO CLOSE DOWN FIVE AMERICAN CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY,
WHICH INCLUDED MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE CENTRES. FOLLOWING THAT DEC
ISION
AMERICA HAS DECIDED TO HIT BACK BY HALTING ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA.
ALREADY PROMISED.

THIS IS THE REALITY OF IMPERIALISM. NEVER EVEN IN A SINGLE DAY HAS IMPERIALISM RESPECTED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER COUNTRIES, THE "AID" HAS CONDITIONS WHICH DEPRIVE THE RECIPIENT NATION OF ITS INDEPENDENCE.

THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA AND ETHIOPIA WILL NOT BE SORRY OR WEEP DUE TO THE IMPERIALISTS MOVE TO STOP THEIR STRINGS-ATTACHED ASSISTANCE. IT IS BETTER TO BE POOR AND FREE THAN TO BE RICH BUT A SLAVE OF IMPERIALISM.

MILITARY BASES OPERATED BY THE IMPERIALISTS ARE NOT ONLY A DANGER TO AFRICA BUT TO THE WORLD AT LARGE. THE MILITARY BASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSED DOWN IN EHTIOPIA ARE NOTORIOUS FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE OPPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA , OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND EVEN NATIONS OUTSIDE AFRICA.

DURING THE ARAB/ISRAELI WAR, SEVERAL JET FIGHTERS WHICH WERE BEING USED BY THE ISRAELIS, WERE TAKING OFF FROM THE AMERICAN BASES IN ETHIOPIA.

THE DECISION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LT. COL. MENGISTU IS TRUELY GREAT HISTORICAL MORE IN THE REVOLUTION OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH IMPERIALIST OUTLOOK, THE DECISION ANNOUNCED BY AMERICAN YESTERDAY COULD JUST BE THE BEGINNING OF A MAJOR PLOT AGAINST THE REVOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA. JUST AS IT HAS HAPPENED IN OTHER NATIONS OR PLACES, THE IMPERIALISTS MIGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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EVEN PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MENGISTU, THE LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION IN ETHIOPIA.

THERE IS NOTHING WHICH IS GOING TO PREVENT THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA TO MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR EFFORTS TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM SLAVERY, FASCISM AND EXPLOITATION. THE COMING UP OF PEOPLE LIKE MENGISTU IN NATION WHERE CHIEFSTAINSHIP AND NE-COLONIALISM HAD MATURED, IS AN INDICATION THAT MILLIONS OF AFRICANS WHO ARE NOW OPPRESSED AND EXPLOITED HAVE RESOLVED TO CUT THE CHAINS OF SLAVERY AND EXPLOITATION.

MENGISTU IS A CHILD OF A POOR MAN. HIS FATHER WAS A WATCHMAN AT A CHIEF'S HOUSE. AND HE WAS BORN IN A HUT MADE OF PAPER, OUTSIDE THE CHIEF'S HOUSE. THIS EXPLAINS HIS BITTERNESS TOWARDS THE EXPLOITORS AND ENEMIES OF PROGRESS, AND HIS URGE TO SEE THAT THE OPPRESSED IN ETHIOPIA LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM CENTURIES OF SLAVERY.

AT PRESENT IN AFRICA THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE LIKE MENGISTU COMING FOR

TO LEAD THE REVOLUTION. IMPERIALISM WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
BUT THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE MENGISTUS, SOMORAS AND NGOUABIS,
TO LEAD THE REVOLUTION IN AFRICA.

IT IS STILL YET A SHAME THAT IN AFRICA THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO
ACCEPT BEING BOUGHT BY THE IMPERIALISTS SO THAT THEY CAN PLOT AGAINST
REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS THAT OF MEGNISTU. IT MUST BE WELL
KNOWN

THAT THE REVOLUTION IN AFRICA WILL NOT STOP DUE TO THE INSTRIGUES BY

THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR PUPPETS. THE REVOLUTION MUST WIN. END
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